

REMARKS

Claim 1 is objected to for an informality and has been amended as suggested by Examiner.

Claims 15 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicant has amended claim 15 to depend from claim 10. It is respectfully submitted, therefore, that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112 has been overcome.

Claims 1, 3, 6, 7, 10, 12, 15, and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) and (e) as being anticipated by U.S. Publication No. 2003/0105828 to Sano et al. (hereinafter "Sano").

Claims 1-8 and 10-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,470,429 to Jones (hereinafter "Jones") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,134,641 to Anand (hereinafter "Anand").

Applicant has amended the claims to place the application in condition for appeal. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at 512-338-9100.

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